IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
	Brett A. Shirley, et al.)
Serial No.:	10/628,806) Art Unit) 2114
Filed:	July 28, 2003)
Conf. No.:	4554)
For:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BACKING UP AND RESTORING DATA OF A NODE IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM)
Examiner:	Brian J. Assessor)
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VIA E-FILE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2006 (paper no. 20061004) and the Advisory Action of January 9, 2007 (paper no. 20070105), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.